



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Ordinance No. 1715 Entitled, "An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Lodi Amending Title 9, Public Peace, Morals, And Welfare, By Adding Chapter 9.19 – Political Sign Regulations"

MEETING DATE: August 7, 2002

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Following reading by title, it would be appropriate for the City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 1715.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Ordinance No. 1715 entitled, "An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Lodi Amending Title 9, Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare, By Adding Chapter 9.19 – Political Sign Regulations" was introduced at the regular City Council meeting of July 17, 2002.

Pursuant to State statute, ordinances may be adopted five days after their introductions following reading by title.

This Ordinance has been approved as to form by the City Attorney.

FUNDING: None required.

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Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk

Attachment

APPROVED: _____
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 1715

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI
AMENDING TITLE 9, PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS, AND WELFARE,
BY ADDING CHAPTER 9.19 – POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The following sections are added to the Lodi Municipal Code to read as follows:

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| 9.19.010 | Definition |
| 9.19.020 | Prohibition of political signs on public property and in the public right-of-way |
| 9.19.030 | Political signs on private property |
| 9.19.040 | Size |
| 9.19.050 | Time Period and Removal |

9.19.010 Definition.

“Political Sign” is any display utilized for the purpose of proposing or opposing the election of a candidate or ballot measure.

9.19.020 Prohibition of political signs on public property and in the public right-of-way.

No person shall paint, mark or write on, post, attach, or otherwise affix, any sign to or upon any public property, including but not limited to any public building, sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, fence, wall, public playground equipment, and/or facilities, street lamp post, utility pole, hydrant, tree, street or traffic signs.

Additionally, no political sign shall be placed, posted, or otherwise affixed in the public right-of-way, including parkways (e.g. the area between curb and sidewalk) or medians.

9.19.030 Political signs on private property.

Political signs may be placed on private property with the consent of the property owner (or person entitled to possession) or their authorized agent, if any, subject to the following:

- A. They will not be placed in a manner that obstructs either vehicular traffic (either by physical obstruction or obstruction of sight lines) or pedestrian traffic. They shall not present a physical danger to persons or property.

9.19.040 Size.

The maximum display area for a political sign on residential property and R-C-P Residential-Commercial-Professional Office District property is six (6) square feet per sign face.

The maximum display area for a political sign on commercial or industrial property is thirty-two (32) square feet per sign face.

9.19.050 Time Period and Removal.


No political sign shall be erected or maintained by or on behalf of a candidate prior to his/her filing of official nomination papers for public office. All political signs shall be removed within ten (10) days after the election. With respect to ballot measures, no political sign shall be erected or maintained prior to the qualification of a measure for the ballot, and shall be removed within ten (10) days after the election.

Any sign which is an immediate peril or menace to the public or any person, or is posted on public property or in any public right-of-way may be removed summarily (without notice) by the City. Illegal signs on private property may be removed summarily by the City after reasonable notification to the appropriate candidates, sponsors, and/or ballot measure committee. Summary abatement by the City may result in all or part of the cash deposit for temporary political signs, as established by resolution, being forfeited.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed insofar as such conflict may exist.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be published one time in the "Lodi News Sentinel," a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Lodi and shall take effect thirty days from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 7th day of August, 2002


PHILLIP A. PENNINO
Mayor

Attest:


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk

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State of California
County of San Joaquin, ss.

I, Susan J. Blackston, City Clerk of the City of Lodi, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1715 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held July 17, 2002, and was thereafter passed, adopted and ordered to print at a regular meeting of said Council held August 7, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Nakanishi, and Mayor Pennino
NOES;	COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

I further certify that Ordinance No. 1715 was approved and signed by the Mayor on the date of its passage and the same has been published pursuant to law.

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SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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RANDALL A. HAYS
City Attorney